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Serial No.: 09/823,391 )  
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For: Riser Assembly and Method for )  
Coupling Peripheral Cards to a )  
Motherboard )  
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Examiner: D. Levi )  
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Group Art Unit: 2841 )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 8, 2002, and the Advisory Action mailed July 3, 2002, as well as in response to the telephone interview between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney held on June 5, 2002. The Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments and accompanying remarks be considered.